

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1, 2 and 7-10 are now present in this application. Claim 1 is independent. Claim 1 is amended to distinguish over the applied art. No new matter is involved.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action rejects claims 1-11 under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,774,897 to Kawada et al (hereinafter, "Kawada"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Initially, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is moot with respect to claims 3-6 and 11, which have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 1, as amended positively recites a combination of features, including an electro-luminescence panel having a first face including a display area and an opposite face having a non-display area; driving circuit boards for applying driving signals to a gate line and a data line coupled directly to the opposite face having the non-display area of the electro-luminescence panel; electrical pads located on an inside perimeter of the opposite face of the electro-luminescence panel; electrical pads located on the driving circuit boards corresponding to and aligned with the electrical pads located on the inside perimeter of the opposite face of the

electroluminescence panel; and tape carrier packages contacting the electrical pads on the opposite face of the electroluminescence panel and the driving circuit board electrical pads, and being coupled directly to substantially the entire length of the opposite side of the electroluminescence panel located between the electrical pads located on the driving circuit boards and electrical pads located on the electro-luminescence panel in a planar state.

Applicant respectfully submits that Kawada does not disclose or suggest or otherwise render obvious, this combination of features.

In this regard, Applicant notes that Kawada contains no disclosure or suggestion of both the tape carrier packages and the driving circuit boards being coupled directly to the non-display area of the electroluminescence device, as recited in amended claim 1, and wherein the direct coupling is with respect to substantially the entire length of the opposite side of the electroluminescence panel located between the electrical pads of the driving circuit boards and the electrical pads of the electroluminescence panel.

Accordingly, this rejection of claims 1-11, as amended, as unpatentable over Kawada is improper and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently

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outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone David A. Bilodeau, Registration No. 42,325, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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